

“Enabling the Vision”

Part 2

Colossians 3:13 (AMP)

“If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (A) And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Stewardship enables the vision

Stewardship is a matter of **trust**

TRUST

T**ake** a God **look** inside

Psalms 139:23 (TLB)

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts.”

Proverbs 2:5-6 “

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Jeremiah 17:7,9-10 (NLT)

“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I know! I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”

R**ely** on God’s **sovereignty**, **wisdom** and **love**

- God in His **love** always wills what is best for us
- In His **wisdom**, he always knows what is best

- In His **sovereignty**, He has the power to bring it about

“God is infinitely wise because He selects the best possible end of action and because He adopts the best possible means for the accomplishment of the end which He has in view.” (J.L.Dagg)

U**nderstand** God’s ways are not our ways

Isaiah 55:89 (NLT)

“My thoughts are completely different from yours,’ says the Lord. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.’”

Psalms 103:7

“He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.”

-Trust will take you outside of your **comfort zone**

S**urrender** everything to God

Matthew 7:21 (TLB)

“Not all who sound religious are really godly people. They may refer to me as ‘Lord,’ but still won’t get to heaven. For the decisive question is whether they obey my Father in heaven.”

T**est** God’s promises

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!’”

Proverbs 3:9, 10

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

We learn to trust God one circumstance at a time

Small Group Questions

1. Who do you consider a trustworthy person? What does it mean for someone to be trustworthy?
2. How has God shown Himself trustworthy in your life?
3. In what areas of your life do you struggle trusting God? Why?
4. What does it mean that God is sovereign? What scriptural examples can you find?
5. Pray for each other to trust God and surrender all to Him.